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1. GOA PUBLIC POSITION ON DIEGO GARCIA PROPOSAL IS UNFAVORABLE BUT NOT STRIDENT. LAST PUBLIC STATEMENT WAS BY PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM IN A MARCH 20, 1974 PRESS CONFERENCE. QUESTION - WILL YOU SUPPORT ANY DIPLOMATIC MOVES BY THE NEW UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT WHICH MIGHT BE OPPOSED TO AN AMERICAN BUILDUP ON DIEGO GARCIA? PRIME MINISTER'S ANSWER: YES. IT IS IN THE CONTEXT THAT WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT IT HELPS THE LITTORAL STATES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN FOR THERE TO BE A GREAT POWER RIVALRY. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION TO RESTRICT THEIR BUILDUP.

2. AUTHORITATIVE GOA PRIVATE POSITION ALSO IS OPPOSED TO DIEGO EXPANSION. AS DEPT AWARE THIS IS THE POSITION OF THE WHITLAM GOVERNMENT; IT IS NOT SHARED BY THE OPPOSITION PARTIES NOR BY SENIOR AUSTRALIAN CIVIL SERVANTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL.

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